Statement II

Circle-wise number of villages without village public telephones (VPTs) as on 31-10-2005

SI. No.	Name of the circle	No. of uncovered villages
1.	Andhra Pradesh	866
2.	Assam	6,852
3.	Jharkhand	1,664
4.	Gujarat	2,364
5.	Himachal Pradesh	768
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	1,543
7.	Madhya Pradesh	8,233
8.	Chhattisgarh	4,350
9.	Maharashtra	4,523
10.	North East-I	2,051
11.	North East-II	1,520
12.	Orissa	4,899
13.	Rajasthan	9,273
14.	Uttaranchal	3,683
	TOTAL:	52,589

Expenditure in Telecom Sector

3237. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to spend Rs. 17,186 crore on Telecom Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the BSNL plans to provide 75 lakh lines during 2005-06; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) and

(b) An outlay of Rs. 86984 crores including budgetary support of Rs. 1500 crores has been approved for the telecommunication sector for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007)

(c) and (d) As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Department of Telecommunications, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is to provide 75 lakh telephone lines during the year 2005-06. Out of these, 10 lakh lines are to be provided in Basic Services and 65 lakh lines in Mobile Services respectively.

Height and depth of towers

3238. SHRI JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what should be the height and depth of tower for receiving clear connecting of mobile connection;

(b) whether the tower installed in the country fulfil the requirement, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what action is proposed to be taken against the defaulter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Height of tower for receiving clear connection of Mobile depends upon network engineering. There is no fixed height of tower applicable in all cases. The height of towers depend on various parameters such as target area/ population to be covered, technology used, terrain, type of cluster in terms of building density, aviation hazard, network design etc. The depth of tower depends upon soil conditions, height of tower and type of tower.

(b) The Licence Agreement for mobile services does not prescribe any specific requirement regarding the height or depth of towers for providing mobile services.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Telephone facilities in the villages of Rajasthan

3239. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the State of Rajasthan having telephone facilities as on date, district-wise;